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SUBJ: CPI NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: THE BANGLADESH

COUP AND THE INDIAN EMERGENCY

1. THE PRESS AUGUST 27 REPORTED THE MEETING OF THE CPI'S NATIONAL COUNCIL, SAID TO BE THE FIRST SINCE THE JUNE 26 PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY. THE COUNCIL, WHICH REPORT-EDLY IS STILL IN SESSION, CONSIDERED TWO MAJOR TOPICS: THE BANGLADESH COUP AND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.

2. THE MOST COMPLETE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S SOLU-TION ON BANGLADESH WAS CARRIED BY THE CPI DAILY "PATRIOT." THE RESOLUTION DESCRIBED THE COUP AS A "DEFINITE LINK IN THE CHAIN OF US IMPERIALISM'S GLOBAL
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STRATEGY OF DESTABILIZING THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN THE

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES OF ASIA, AFRICA, AND LATIN AMERICA." SHEIKH MUJIB IS, THE RESOLUTION CONTINUED, "THE LATEST TRAGIC VICTIM OF THIS DIABOLICAL CONSPIRACY IN WHICH THE HAND NOT ONLY OF THE CIA BUT ALSO A PRO-PAKISTAN AND PRO-MAOIST FORCES CAN BE DISCERNED. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA CALLS UPON ALL DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE, ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES IN INDIA TO DRAW THE APPROPRIATE LESSONS FROM THE BANGLADESH EVENTS AND TO HEIGHTEN THEIR ALL-ROUND VIGILANCE AND UNITY IN THIS HOUR OF CRISIS." THE US STRATEGY OF "GLOBAL DESTABILIZATION" WAS SAID TO INCLUDE THE "SUB-VERSION OF PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENTS, ASSASSINATION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AND STATESMEN AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO DOMESTIC REACTIONARY AND FASCIST FORCES... THE DESPERATION OF US IMPERIALISM IN THIS CONNECTION HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED IN RELATION TO THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT SINCE ITS MILITARY DEFEAT IN VIET NAM AND CAMBODIA AND ITS DIPLOMATIC SETBACKS IN WEST ASIA..."

3. ON THE DOMESTIC SITUATION, CPI GENERAL SECRETARY, C. RAJESWARA RAO, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, TOLD THE NATIONAL COUNCIL THAT, IN ADDITION TO BEING A PARTY OF AGITATION AND POLITICAL PROPAGANDA, THE CPI SHOULD ALSO FUNCTION AS A "PARTY OF IMPLEMENTATION." THE CPI GENERAL SECRETARY WAS FULL OF PROMISE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, THE EMERGENCY, AND THE GOI'S 20-POINT PROGRAM. RAO SAID THAT THERE WAS GROWING UNITY BETWEEN THE CONGRESS, THE CPI, AND LIKEMINDED FORCES, AND THIS HAD FILTERED DOWN TO THE LOCAL LEVELS. HE WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY ENCOURAGED BY THE "UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS" REFERRING TO THE COOPERATION OF THE INTUC AND THE AITUC (THE LABOR CONFEDERATIONS OF THE CONGRESS AND CPI, RESPECTIVELY). THE CPI GENERAL SECRETARY REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT THE INTUC WANTED TO HAVE JOINT PROGRAMS WITH THE AITUC NOT ONLY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL BUT ALSO AT THE PLANT LEVEL. A CPI SPOKESMAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD NO ILLUSION THAT THIS PROCESS OF COOPERATION WOULD BE SMOOTH. (COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN A-274 OF AUGUST 16, 1975, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUSPICION ON THE PART OF SOME INTUC LEADERS ABOUT COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THEIR RANKS.) THE CPI SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BARRIERS BETWEEN CONGRESS AND CPI WORKERS WERE NOW BREAKING DOWN. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMUNISTS THEMSELVES HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE CONGRESS PARTY CADRES WHO WERE NOT MERELY PARTS OF AN ELECTION MACHINE."

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